

Lumberjack Supplies: Road Monkey



As the road monkey, you have the important job of cleaning up the trails that we use to bring the logs to the river. That means cleaning up horse droppings, making sure the paths are clear of bark, and are well iced. You are the lowest paid jack in camp, but have an important job. You'll be spending all day outside, so make sure you have enough pairs of wool socks and mitts to trade out. Also, as the greenhorn in camp, you will have the bunk furthest from the stove, so you will want to purchase another blanket.

—Clerk

Your job: Road Monkey

Your pay: \$15/month

Start Date: November 1, 1900

End Date: March 31, 1901

Camp supplies

Long underwear

\$2.00/undershirt

\$2.00/drawers

Wool socks

\$0.65/pair (cheap quality)

\$0.75/pair (best quality)

Cotton socks

\$0.25/pair (not as warm as wool)

Scotch cap

\$0.75/each

Wool shirt

\$2.00/each

Malone wool pants

\$2.75/pair

Horsehide mitts

\$1.00/pair

Wool Mackinaw jacket

\$4.25/each

Blanket

\$2.00/each

You brought the following items along to camp: 1 pair of cotton socks; 1 pair of old boots; 1 jacket; 1 pair of mitts; 1 pair of pants; 2 shirts; 1 stocking cap.

Looking at what you brought with you and what your job is, Elmer suggests that you purchase at least one pair of horsehide mitts, two pairs of the best quality wool socks, a blanket, and long underwear. You can follow Elmer's advice, add to his suggestions, or make your own selections. However, you need to purchase a minimum of three different items. **In the box on the next page write a paragraph explaining why you purchased the items you selected.**

Answers will vary. The items suggested by the clerk are shown below.

Item	Quantity	Calculation	Total
Horsehide mitts	1 pair	\$1.00 x 1	\$1.00
Wool socks, best quality	2 pairs	\$0.75 x 2	\$1.50
Blanket	1	\$2.00 x 1	\$2.00
Long underwear, undershirt	1	\$2.00 x 1	\$2.00
Long underwear, drawers	1	\$2.00 x 1	\$2.00

Monthly wage: **\$15.00** Total bill: **\$8.50** Money left (first month): **\$6.50**